



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 8 February 2011

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 8.08 pm

Natural disasters

The Senate debated a [motion](#) moved by the Acting Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Conroy) about the devastation caused by recent natural disasters [[first speaker](#)]. The motion was agreed to and the Senate adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of those who lost their lives.

Condolence motions

The President informed the Senate of the death on 17 December 2010 of Charles Ronald Maunsell, a senator for the state of Queensland from 1968 to 1981. A [motion](#) moved by the Acting Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Conroy) was carried [[first speaker](#)].

The Acting Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Conroy) [moved](#) that the Senate records its deep sorrow at the death of Corporal Richard Edward Atkinson on 2 February 2011 while on combat operations in Afghanistan. The motion was carried [[first speaker](#)].

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)
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Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate authorised the Legal and Constitutional Legislation and References Committees to hold meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sitting of the Senate on 8 February 2011.

Notices of motion given

To extend reporting deadlines

- Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee–
 - Industry Skills Council–to report by 23 March 2011
 - Primary Schools for the 21st Century program–to report by 24 March 2011
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–Sex and Age Discrimination Legislation Amendment Bill 2010–to report by 22 March 2011

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee–10 February 2011 from 11.30 am–Private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- Economics Legislation Committee–10 February, 3 and 24 March 2011 from 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm–Private meetings otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- Economics References Committee–
 - 9 February 2011 from 6.00 pm–Competition within the Australian banking sector, and the amendments proposed by Senator Cormann to the Tax Laws Amendment (2010 Measures No. 4) Bill 2010
 - 10 February, 3 and 24 March 2011 from 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm–Private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–
 - 28 February 2011 from 10.00 am to 1.30 pm–Review of the Defence major projects report
 - 2 and 23 March from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm and 21 March 2011 from 10.00 am to 1.30 pm–Review of Auditor-General’s reports

To refer matters to a committee

- [Matters](#) relating to the provisions of the *Water Act 2007*–Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee–to report by 11 May 2011–notice given by the Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Joyce)

Documents

Delegated legislation

See [Disallowance Alert](#) for a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes)

- [Clerk’s documents](#) were tabled [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled, including Governor-General’s Proclamations]

Orders for the production of documents–Notice of motion given

The Chair of the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee (Senator Back) gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Jobs and Workplace Relations (Senator Evans) to table legal advice relating to the Building the Education Revolution program–no later than 4.00 pm on 10 February 2011.

Other business

Corporal Benjamin Roberts-Smith

A [motion](#) moved by the Acting Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Conroy) that the Senate records the occasion of national significance in the awarding of the Victoria Cross to Corporal Benjamin Roberts-Smith, VC MG, on 23 January 2011 was debated and agreed to [[first speaker](#)].

Notices of motion

[Notices of motion](#) given today are available in the Senate Journals.

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